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Durham Man Arrested on Robbery Charges

A Durham man was arrested on robbery and domestic violence charges following a chase Tuesday afternoon. No one was injured during the incident.

The chase started around 12:39 p.m. when a member of the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force attempted to stop a vehicle believed to be driven by a robbery suspect on Alston Avenue near Cecil Street. The driver refused to stop and officers chased the vehicle for a short distance before losing sight of it.

A short time later, officers found the vehicle abandoned on Red Oak Avenue. Officers surrounded the area to search for the suspect, identified as Darryl Wayne Stephens, 30, of Durham.



Four schools in the area – Hillside High School, Shepard Middle School, Fayetteville Street Elementary School and W.G. Pearson Elementary School – were locked down as a precaution during the search. Officers located Stephens in a field behind Fayetteville Street Elementary School shortly before 1:30 p.m.

Stephens was wanted on charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony conspiracy and second-degree kidnapping in connection with a February 11 armed robbery at Cruizers, 3578 Hillsborough Road. Two men wearing masks and armed with guns robbed the business shortly before 10:30 p.m.

Stephens was also charged with kidnapping a man from a parking lot in the 900 block of Fayetteville Street on February 28 and forcing him at gunpoint to drive to the State Employees Credit Union at 504 South Duke Street. The victim was forced to go into the credit union but the suspect ran out of the credit union when an investigator was alerted to a disturbance in the lobby. The suspect fled in a green Acura occupied by three other males. Stephens is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping, possession of a firearm by a convicted

felon, assault with a deadly weapon on a government official and three counts of felony conspiracy in connection with this case.

Stephens was also arrested on charges from a domestic incident on November 10, 2012. Those charges included assault on a female, misdemeanor larceny and habitual misdemeanor assault (a felony charge). In addition, Stephens is facing traffic charges as a result of today's chase.